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BOOST BRICK, CEMENT PRODUCTION

LARGE BRICKYARD TO BEGIN OPERATION -- Cetinje, Pobjeda, 22 Mar 51

Spuz, 21 March -- At the beginning of 1951, the Enterprise for the Production of Construction Materials was established in Spuz, with the task of coordinating the work in constructing four large installations there. These are the "Bojo Kovacevic" brickyard in Lazine, a new brickyard in Spuz, a lime-kiln, and a factory in Visocica for crushing stone. Up to 1951, these installations were being built independently of each other. Their work was administered by the "Crna Gora" Construction Enterprise and the Enterprise for Concrete Products. Because of poor management and lack of work supervision, there were frequent shortages of manpower, transportation equipment, and materials, so that work planned was not finished on time. This is why the Factory for Crushing Stone did not fulfill its plan, and the "Bojo Kovacevic" Brickyard did not begin work until July 1950?/.

Since the establishment of the Enterprise for the Production of Construction Materials, equipment has been obtained for transporting material to all building sites; necessary supervision has been established, and help extended where work is slowest. The Factory for Crushing Stone has exceeded its January and February 1951 investment plan by about 150,000 dinars, and is expected to do better because of better work organization, procurement of necessary materials on time, and full utilization of machinery which is repaired regularly. The situation is also improved in the "Bojo Kovacevic" Brickyard, where preparatory work has been completed. Machinery has been assembled. The brickyard will begin operation no later than 1 May 1951.

Work at the building sites continued during January and February despite heavy rains. Construction work on the lime-kiln was completed; machinery will be installed no later than 1 April. An electric motor has been procured for operating machinery at the lime-kiln, and work has begun on building a railroad from the Spuz railroad station to the kiln.

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Construction work has been completed on the new brickyard, and machinery is now being installed which will begin operating by the end of April. A rotary kiln with two furnaces has been built at the brickyard. This kiln will turn out an average of 24,000 bricks or fire-bricks per batch, or three times as many as the "Bojo Kovacevic" Brickyard. A thermal power plant has also been obtained to furnish power for the brickyards and lime-kiln and electricity to Spuz and surrounding villages.

All building sites are economizing; waste and rejected materials are being used successfully, and some barracks have been constructed to protect materials from breakage and damage. Over 100,000 dinars were saved by using rejected firebricks for the floor of the rotary kiln.

TO BUILD 2 CEMENT FACTORIES -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 3 Mar 51

This year, a cement factory will be built in Kakanj, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and another in Popovac near Paracin, Serbia. Thus far there are 15 cement factories in Yugoslavia. The factory near Paracin will produce 180,000 tons of cement per year. A 11-kilometer industrial railroad line, consisting of a standard-gauge track and a narrow-gauge track, will be built to the site of the new factory. Prospecting for new coal deposits will be undertaken at the mine near Sisavac. If the deposits are found to be sufficient to supply the cement factory, a cableway will be built between the mine and the factory. The factory, which is scheduled to begin operation next year, will receive its machinery from Denmark. This factory will have almost the same number of workers as the old factory, which is near by, but its production will be four times as great.

The cement factory in Beocin near Novi Sad and the "Sar" Factory at Kosovo will be modernized this year. When these three Serbian cement factories are in operation, cement production in Serbia will be twice as great as in 1947. The cement factory in Usija near Skoplje is scheduled to be completed this year.

PRODUCES CONCRETE MIXERS -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 12 Mar 51

The Tovarna Gradjevinskih Strojstva (Building-Machinery Factory) in Smederevo recently began the serial production of machines for the building industry. Last year, the factory began the construction of the prototype of a concrete mixer, which will have a capacity of 300 liters. The prototype will be tested soon by the Federal Designing Institute, which made the blueprints for the machine.

The serial production of 50 mixers has begun already. By the end of 1951, 150 mixers will be constructed in the factory, as well as the prototype of a machine for asphaltting roads and of a scraper for the cement industry. The factory is producing a 1,200-meter conveyer, driven by 20 engines, for the construction site of the hydroelectric power plant at Mavrovo.

In 1951, the factory will also produce two Wolf-type cranes, each of which will be 35 meters high and weigh 32 tons. One of these cranes will be completed by the end of August 1951 and will be ~~exhibited at the~~ Zagreb Fair.

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